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ARREST MADE IN TORREY PINES MURDER

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested the suspect in the October 29 murder of a woman whose body was found in a burning vehicle.

On Friday, October 29, at 9:20 p.m., UCSD Police and the San Diego Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in a parking lot at the University of California – San Diego. When the fire was extinguished, firefighters found the body of a woman inside. An autopsy revealed the woman had been murdered.

The victim is a 38-year-old resident of Carlsbad whose positive identification is pending through DNA comparison. Until the results are in, the victim's name will not be confirmed.

Earlier this week, the Homicide Unit released a photo of Julio Angel Garcia-Puente, the victim's estranged husband, in the hope a member of the public would inform us of his whereabouts. Last night, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Mexican law enforcement located Garcia-Puente in the Otay neighborhood of Tijuana.

Garcia-Puente voluntarily returned to the United States, and detectives met him at the San Ysidro Port of Entry at 12:05 a.m.. Garcia-Puente was subsequently arrested and transported to Headquarters.

Detectives are currently processing Garcia-Puente, and he will be booked into County Jail for one count of murder.

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